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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

9 MARIAM SEERA,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

14 No. 3:23-cv-5824-BHS

15 STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
16 CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
17 ORDER

18 Noted for Consideration:  
19 November 14, 2023

20 Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter*  
21 *alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate her Form I-  
22 589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the  
23 Complaint is currently due on November 27, 2023. The parties are currently working towards a  
24 resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in  
abeyance until April 9, 2024.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706  
(1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to  
control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for January 10, 2024. Plaintiff  
5 will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to USCIS seven to ten days prior to  
6 the interview date. After the interview, USCIS will need time to adjudicate her asylum application.  
7 Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss the case with each party to bear their  
8 own litigation costs and attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow  
9 USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process her asylum application.

10 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the  
11 case in abeyance until April 9, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before  
12 April 9, 2024. The parties further request that the Order Regarding Initial Disclosures, Joint Status  
13 Report, and Early Settlement (Dkt. No. 3) be vacated.

14 Dated: November 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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21 ***I certify that this memorandum contains  
22 303 words, in compliance with the Local  
23 Civil Rules.***

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## ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until April 9, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before April 9, 2024. The Order Regarding Initial Disclosures, Joint Status Report, and Early Settlement (Dkt. No. 3) is vacated. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2023.

BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
United States District Judge